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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 3, 4, and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 3, line 1, recites "first heating means, which lacks antecedent basis. It should evidently specify "range-top" heating means.

Claim 22 recites "the first chamber is a warming drawer," which is inconsistent with claim 21 from which it depends. The second chamber is the warming drawer.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 16, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Pat. Appln 2005/0173401 (US'401) in view of British Pat. 2,252,647 (GB'647).

US'401 discloses, at Figs. 1-4 and paragraphs. [0017] and [0021], a plurality of range top heating elements 402-408, a first range chamber heating means with bake and broil elements 410, 412, and a second range chamber comprising a warming drawer. US'401 does not explicitly disclose a central microprocessor for controlling all heating functions. However, referring to Fig. 1, page 3, lines 2-23, and page 5, lines 21-26, especially, GB'647 discloses a central microprocessor 19 for controlling all heating functions in a range oven. It would have been obvious to adapt the CPU of GB'647 to the range of US'401 since GB'647 teaches such to improve power usage efficiency.

Claims 3, 4, 8-15, and 18-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US'401 in view of GB'647, as applied to claims 1, 2, 5-7, 16, and 17 above, and further in view of US Pat. 6198080 (US'080).

The claims differ from US'401 in view of GB'647 only in calling for a range top warming element, a bridge burner, and a glass capacitive touch pad operator interface. Referring to Figs. 1-3, col. 2, lines 3-14, and col. 3, lines 4-9, US'080 discloses a range top warming element 26, a bridge burner, and a glass capacitive touch pad operator interface. It would have been obvious to adapt the warming, bridge, and touch pad control means of US'080 to the range of US'401 in view of GB'647, to enhance cooking versatility and convenience of operator control and cleaning.

Applicant is strongly urged to review the prior art cited but not applied when replying to this Office action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph M. Pelham whose telephone number is 571-272-4786. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on 571-272-4777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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**JOSEPH PELHAM
PRIMARY EXAMINER**